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The Greatest of Experiments in Government Ballroading.

As passed by the Senate the Admin istration's railroad control bill continues the period of Government management throughout the war and for eighteen months after the war shall have 'ended. By Senator Cummins's amendment, it also extends the Government's control to all independent short lines. These represent perhaps a thousand millions of dollars at existing capitalization.

The bill as originally drawn and submitted by the Administration conrepeal its provisions and restore to former powers and responsibilities. The bill also limited Federal control to such lines as were indispensable in the judgment of the Director of Railroads, to unified operation for

The change of plan which puts a definite time limit on the stupendous experiment was made in committee before the bill was reported to the to commit the country to Government ownership in time of peace; and the broader question ought to be discussed and determined at the proper time on its own merits and inde guillotine in the days of the Terror." pendently of war conditions.

Senator Longe tried to reduce by a whole year the period of post-bellum control, making it six months inuncomplicated by an attempt to in- or die. trench Government ownership in ad-

as to what roads shall be included must make it for us. in the Federal system and what roads excluded, and at the same time to enlarge vastly the scope and significance of the experiment as a practical guide to a permanent policy. The private management.

an object lesson in Government rail-

Confirming a Battle Front Rumor. Information from German prisonamong the surprises of the forthcomng Teutonic assault is confirmed by the recent statement of General Maymcr. Chief Director of Military Op-

erations of the British War Office. General MAURICE says the Germans Geneva Red Cross to put out a protest against the use of poison gas." ing back in 1915. Thereafter the same barbarous weapon was used

gleefully by them again and again. Then the British chemists got to work, with the result that the German ranks were showered with confections containing nastier and dead Her gases than were dreamed of in the philosophy of the spectacled Herr Professors in their chemical hell's

kitchen laboratories, Straightway German voices were tifted in moving lamentation over the harbarity of benevolent Germany's enemics. There were Tentonic whines ever their own savageries have been brought home to their own doorsjust as they whined when their own cities were air raided in retaliation for the Burders of women, little chil- Perhaps Governor Smith is famili- charges; the "brutality of the force"

and wounded, of doctors and Red Cross nurses in the plainly marked the problem before him, and here is French and English hospitals far his tax: back of the fighting lines.

Now they want an agreement, a olemn covenant between chivalrous combatants, that there shall be no more use of poison gases in the war. With a new exterminating gas up the German sleeve, a solemn compact that gas shall be no more used would be a contract of high strategic value.

Poor Bourgeois.

The Bolsheviki have decided to fight the enemy. Having scattered the Russian armies and incited the Russian soldiers to throw away their arms, they now exhort "all the forces in the country" to fight the oncoming Germans "to the last drop of their blood."

In their hortatory proclamation to the people of Russia there is one paragraph of great significance. It follows a command to the workmen and to raise battalions to dig trenches for defence against the enemy. It reads:

"All members of the bourgeols class. London office, 40-43 First street.
Paris office, 6 Rue de la Michodiere, off the women as well as the men, must enter these Battalions under surveillance of the Red Guards, and in case of resistance must be shot."

> to be dragooned by the rifles of the continent have been known to resort Red Guards into this belated and fu- to such deception. Moreover, Mr. J. tile attempt at defence? The word K. Shiatizt has arranged to sell the "bourgeois," as the designation of the skins of the larger iguanas in Ja-French middle class in the red days pan, thus providing a new source of of the French Revolution and since, income for the island. is known and understood. Its newer meaning in the mouths of the Bolsheviki is somewhat different. Mr. Wit-LIS J. Appor has given in Munsey's 737,678 rats and 34,971 iguanas had Washington cut down not a cherry Magazine a good explanation of its been destroyed. Governor Smith's tree but a plum tree, but nobody in implications: .

throw of the Czar. The term is now have been a good thing. tinued the control indefinitely after applied to everybody whose interests the war; that is, until such time as and political leanings are known to be Congress should by affirmative action opposed to, or to differ from, those of the masses. All such persons are ac- with Spain, under the terms of which the owners of the railroads their cused of capitalistic sympathics and un- our army in France will be supplied der suspicion by the radical groups of from Spanish sources, and in return revolutionaries. The effect of this is to Spain will be allowed to buy certain class among the bourgeols many of the commodities in this country. so-called intellectuals and the more mod-Senate. It is a most desirable change, dice grows, it becomes a serious menace poses. Losses in transit will be refor the initial proposal seemed like to the final success of the revolution, duced, the Quartermaster's Corps an attempt to use a war emergency because of its tendency to drive men of should be able to obtain quickly the dency was manifested in the French Revolution and led to the orgies of the

These are the people who, women side by side with men, must dig trenches against a ruthless foe, or be shot. Their plight is pitiable. They stead of eighteen. The main thing, and their kind began the revolution however, is not the length of the which swept Czarism away. Then term but its definite limitation, so they wanted to continue to fight that new legislation will be required | Czarism-otherwise Kalserism-in its to perpetuate the revolutionary rela- other manifestation across the Russian border. But the anarchic apos ernment and the railroads of the ties of the class struggle would not country. It is to be hoped that the let them fight. Now, too late, the measure may get through the House same class champions bid them fight

The Bolshevik doctrine seems to be, Whatever the bourgeois wants, that The effect of Senator Cummins's shall be not have. Is it war against amendment, if it passes the House the German? He must have peace; likewise, will be to restrict the pow- we will make it for him. Is it peace ers of choice or discrimination on the with the German, lest a worse fate part of the Government Directorate | hefall him? He must have war; he

Poor bourgeois! The upper and the nether milistones crush his life out.

Wealth and Taxes in Guam.

Governor Roy C. SMITH of Guam experiment will be watched with in- is gratified by the progress made in tense concern, both as to its effect on the campaign to rid the Island of rats the enormous property interests in and iguanas. Although more hunters volved and as to the benefit or loss are seeking the pests than ever beresulting to the travelling and freight fore, the claims for bounties are fallshipping public in the matter of effi- ing off in number. The increased exclency of operation as compared with pertness of the pursuers is more than offset by the decrease in the pursued; Even if the war should end a few yet the task of providing money to months hence, we are going to have pay for the pelts turned in is not an easy one. In the Guam News Letter ronding such as the world has never for December Governor Smith prints the anouncement that because of the falling off in revenues new taxes must be levied; but as the tax losses are the result of curbing the truffic in ers that a new and deadlier gas is intoxicants he tackles the job in a years ago, and were promptly charged cheerful mood:

"The greatest loss of revenue is due ridiculous. to changes in the liquor law. One-third of the revenue of the island was de- avenue last Friday is very difficult rived formerly from the liquor tax. This to control if it ever gets out of hand. has gradually fallen off and may in Men and women in it are good na are "exercising great pressure on the time disappear entirely. This is a hard-tured, but elling stubbornly to the ship in the matter of administration, points of vantage they have gained. but is in other respects a distinct gain As General Maurice points out, the to the island. The money that would give way; none wants to be first to use of gas, heretofore prohibited in have been paid in taxes is still in the move back. The police are practically civilized warfare, was one of the island, in addition to the much larger confined to urging the Jem to move. German surprises of the Ypres fight- amount that would have been spent on There can be no rough work; even the

> The Governor had hoped to finish the rat campaign without levying new taxes, but he says that "though we have lost in revenue we have gained in wealth, and we can now afford the special tax that will be necessary." Moreover, the results accomplished a dozen parents of soldiers edge into bring profit to the island and all its the roadway to look up town in the people. The Governor speaks:

"The ridding of the island of these pests is the greatest gain ever made. and has added more to the wealth of hard problem confronts the police. the island than any equal expenditure usi as there always have been when- of funds at any time. The expenditure, as a matter of fact, is actually nothing : for the total amount goes immediately and directly back to the people, who thus have all they had before, less the rats."

"As a temporary measure, therefore, a

rat tax is hereby assessed of one rat per annum for every dollar's worth of suburban property at its assessed valuation.

"The tax is effective now for the current fiscal year, and hereafter on July 1 of each year, at such reduced rates as may at the time be possible and duly

"To obviate the expense and compli cation of the elaborate bookkeeping system that would otherwise be required, this tax is hereby commuted into a money value of 2 cents per rat, payable from this date .

"The money value will be subject to rats, without regard to the number presented by any individual, and at a rate getting some comparisons for my own of not less than 2 cents per rat."

The bounty for iguanas is five cents peasants on the line of the new front each for all under twelve inches in length, and 15 cents for larger ones whose skins are not so mutilated as to be worthless. The whole beast must be turned in to the paymaster; the redemption of heads is a thing of making any bargain with him. I am eral bountles for each iguana killed; some reciprocity." Who are these hourgeols who are wolf hunters even on this enlightened

The anti-rat, anti-iguana drive began in September, 1916, and in the enthusiasm in the Bronx region. sixteen months ending with December "Bourgeois-Originally the designa- fective. If this city had adopted a tion by which the French middle class similar rate, it would have called for was known at the time of the French the delivery of 8,254,549,000 rats to Revolution. In Russia it has assumed the tax receiver in 1917; and we have an entirely new meaning since the over- no doubt that their destruction would

Our Agreement With Spain.

This country has struck a bargain

The advantage of obtaining mules. erate liberals, to whom, as a matter of blankets, and other stores for the fact, the first success of the revolution troops under General PERSHING are was largely due. It was because of his plain. It will not be necessary to alignment with this class that Professor | transport them overseas from this MILTUKOFF lost standing with the ad- country. Thus much needed cargo vanced revolutionaries. As this preju- space will be saved for other purthe intellectual type out of positions of articles most needed, without the deinfluence and authority. The same ten- lays inevitable in relying on a distant base and menaced line of com-

munication. But this is not a one handled jug. Spain will be amply recompensed; her liberty of trading in the United States will be greatly extended, and the support of her industries through raw materials bought here will be assured.

This agreement appears to have built them? been dictated by enlightened self-interest on each side, and in conseand satisfactory to both.

The Police Slipped a Cog.

In handling the crowd on Fifth avenue on Washington's Birthday the police did not do as well as they should have, or as well as they frequently ought to be republished. have done on similar occasions. They neglected the elementary principles of crowd management, permitted the streets to become congested and finally were obliged to hold up the Taphank wheat, as the adulterant is as great as fankees for some minutes in order one-half, yet the bread is white, tender to straighten things out. Commis- and approaches the flavor of whole doner Exhight's first essay in the wheat bread, while other recipes have management of a great number of per-

ons was not a success. It is questionable, however, whether the Commissioner deserves blame for the annoyances to which shortsightedness gave rise on Friday. The police machinery to clear the streets for parading organizations is as non-partisan as a brass band. The work is done according to orders that are the result of years of experience; the men who enforce them are the same men who have acquitted themselves in the fact seems to be that once in a while the police fall down on their job. They did this when called on to safeguard an equal suffrage demonstration a few with malicious purpose, which was

A crowd like that which filled Fifth Each individual waits for others to exertion of gentle physical pressure is dangerous. Patrolmen and their commanders have to bear in mind that a panic is easily bred and may result in terrible consequences. Because of this the correct thing to do is to prevent anybody from entering hope of getting an early glimpse of their sons, and half a hundred others lead a thousand more after them, a Only a few years ago congestion like that at Forty-second street on

Friday would have been treated in an

entirely different way. Fists and clubs

would have been used; policemen

would have been brought up on

dren and aged men by their own air inr with the tax system which in would have necessitated expostulacraft in open towns, and of the sick cludes working out the road tax. At tion. To-day we have nothing except any rate, he applies the principle to a slight holdup of the marching column to regret. Commissioner Ex-RIGHT will undoubtedly see to it that the next affair is better managed.

Reciprocity in the Senate.

Those who from gallery seats, in the chamber in the north wing of the Capitol have observed grave and reverend Senators retiring in the direction of their party's smoking room may have been curious as to what they talk about there, and how. They talk reciprocity. Now and then in absent minded moments they talk it just as blandly, as frankly on the floor of the Senate, as witness this from the Congressional Record:

"Mr. Stone-I am not opposing the Senator's bill (for an additional Fedimmediate refund on presentation of the eral Judge); but my State is interested in a bill of like kind, and I was just information, intending to vote for the Senator's bill, as I shall expect him to chinery of electricity, microphones, vote for the other one when it is brought before the Senate.

"Mr. FLETCHER-I do not like to con

mit myself, Mr. President. "Mr. STONE-I am not asking the Senator to commit himself. I am not the past. Probably some high finan- simply expressing the expectation that ciers discovered a way to collect sev- he will do it, and that there will be

> We are therefore divaiging no secret, violating no confidence, as to proceedings in the august seclusion of the Senate smoking room.

The report from Petrograd that Mr TROTZKT has begun to "liquidate" things was received with considerable

It is now asserted that Gross rat tax is not light; it should be ef- Pennsylvania ever noticed its absence.

DANIELS praises heroic cook -- Head-

by army and navy life, every cook

Uncle David Bains of New Jersey has been appointed United States Senator by Governor Eugs, to serve until his successor, to be elected in Novemunregenerate Republican politician of proved sagacity and wide experience; he has attained years of discretion and knows how to get what he goes after. He will take an uncommon stock of common sense into the Senate chamber, and that unusual commodity will be valuable in Washington.

So far as known, not one woman wh special Congressional elections are to be held March 5 refused to tell her age.

Politicians are able to wheedle almost anything out of almost any one.

It must have disappointed a lot of old fogles tremendously to find that women could register without the town turning upside down in consequence.

Why should Director-General McApoo be called on to explain the circumstances under which the Hudson tubes. which he built, were taken over by the Government? They are an essential part of three railroad systems, and naturally belong under the Federal administration. Should they have been left out simply because Mr. McApoo

PALATABLE WAR BREAD. a "Sun" Recipe.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: In THE SEN some weeks ago a recipe for "war bread" was given. We have tried so superior to all other recipes that it It is half wheat flour and half corn

flour.

It should be mixed with plenty of This is a superior mode of conserving

W. H. H.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Pebruary 22. The Healing Touch.

only one-fifth adulterant.

That doctors indefensively

Are guessers as a clas No basis international. Controls the cult en masse Most of us superficially

Concurring in the charge; And yet from what I know of them, I'd say it isn't so of them, When taken by and large,

In keeping with the period. I got to feeling very odd. And sought a sage, in doubt thumped me perfunctorily And said somewhat cursorily Right pay as you go out.

He was, it seems, a swallowpath. Or similar fal-lal-opath. And as his den I fled. "Perhaps," thought I, "the other school One of the younger brother school.

Can bring things to a head. His countenance was critical. His words were analytical.
And left me all at sea. "Um, hum," he muttered, "vescular-

Who'd gulp a pill or bolus down. Should have it gilt and solus down The guilet have it slid. And gild it too, you'd fly the stuff, And that is what I did.

He hared me to the breeze, And chanted low crepuscular Remarks: "Your trouble's muscular. Ten dollars if you please.' Then came a dermatologist-Or was it metabologist? My memory's not clear

Just how he did discriminate

I tried one chiropractica! His manner was didactical

That bill, sad souvenir! And thus from door to door I strade And ever as the more I strade My pockets lighter grew; iii from the exercise I got (Perhaps a little wise I got) My fancied lliness fiew

But'it appears essentially Established, evidentially, As I set out to show: A fixed peculiarity.
A sameness, sureness, parity, Does mark the medico.

MAURICE MORRIS.

THE DOWSER.

They Are Not Slackers and Should Our friend the dowser used in andent times a forked hazel wand, whose declination, uninfluenced by conscious acts on his part, revealed the concealed TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Noth ing was ever more true than the article in your paper of February 18 "Trousers waters, the buried treasure, the much sought hidden lode. A man of unfor Officers." There is something else, however, along the same line that makes mon, he travelled the countryside

UNIFORMS FOR FARMERS.

Have Honorable Distinction.

I am a married man of military age

feel as I do whenever they have to go

There is nothing more important to

military success than the raising of

rops, and it seems to me that the Gov-

ernment should recognize the labors of

those men skilled in such production

and give them some means of protecting

themselves against the stigma of the so-

to town on some business.

called slacker.

machinery of war?

MIDDLETOWN, Pebruary 22.

Expert Does Not Reassure.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT.

have met hen doctors, hen promoters,

everything but hen dentists, but not

until Tuesday's issue of THE SUN did

Why are eggs cheap when my hens are

his hen engineers, or even a hen fireman

Why is a hen, anyway? A rooster is

BRUGGPORT, Conn., February 23.

VACATION FARMERS

The Two Weeks on the Land Cam

paign Renewed.

ing the period of farm service and pay

THE HOOVER CURE.

It Is a Holiday in Bed With a Plain

Diet of Nothing.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUL! If

me finds he is all out of sorts and needs

f necessary without a morsel of food

of any kind. Drink several pints of

PERRY LUKENS.

his bed, to remain for two or three days

NEW York, February 23.

New Your, Pebruary 23,

SPURRED OFFICERS.

To THE Elector OF THE SUN - SEC.

I have heard the question asked on ;

mounted officers, but have had no satis-

May I ask what is the army regulation

accordance with military regulations

with which prescribe uniform and

THE PRICE OF COAL.

it Is of Purely Academic Interest

WILLIAM S. WHITEHEAD,

are worn by officers who are

NEW YORK, February 23.

equipment.

ee many United States Army officers

JAMES POOLE.

veloped the consulting expert.

laying?

in fact

diggers and miners who were to prove and am the manager of a large farm. is gifts, and awed respect among all having fitted myself for this work in the But now the dowser is another fig-New York State College of Agriculture. ure, at least in city streets. Officially am looked at askance by those who beveyance to take him to his destinalieve they see a slacker, merely because ion, he proceeds with dignity and ofam in civilian atthe. There are many ficial protection on his search more men in my position who must also

leaving in his trail the laboring well

Somewhere in the labyrinth tha inderlies the paved highway a water main has sprung aleak. The escaping water has worked its way into the surrounding cellars; the strained stree surface exudes water for a dozen inconvenience certainly, it may be disaster menaces a section of he city. The break must be found. The city's dowser is called.

He arrives in state, with mysterious boxes, coils of wire, intricate ma-His assistants set up his apparatus; a policeman takes his stand near by keep spectators within the limits

The dowser adjusts his headpiece. stethoscopic arrangement with odd shaped magnet dependent on it. One assistant bears part of the burden of trailing wires. Another arranges the energy producing batteries. The dow

ser is ready for his task

Slowly, cautiously, unhastily but quickly he traverses the area suspect. Even the Arrival of the Consulting The transmitting device, registering resistances and their variations, swings with pendulumlike regularity as steadily progresses. The sound of the delicate machines is like the hum of industrious bees. The inevitable crowd gathers, some of its members ntent on the battery box, others watching as if fascinated the unregarding dowser.

Trolley cars, motor trucks, passenger automobiles, horse drawn vehicles little detours to avoid the absorbed figure in the street's centre. If their passage disturbs the delicate and high and tough when I buy? palance of his instruments he gives no sign. He is listening for the telltale With appetites like those developed evidence that shall betray the fault and set the waiting laborers digging he kindly turn this matter over to one of for its correction. Surely none of his predecessors in the art of divination or other graduate of some good reliable could have been more completely un- chicken college? Advice from a coeduconscious of what went forward about cational college graduate will not be achim than this salaried reader of what cepted. has happened beneath the unyielding pavement.

Among the spectators few know after you have shaken hands with him by the stage entrance on Mercer that his task is. With that perverted two or three times he will speak to you pride that is the mother of much ig- anywhere he meets you whether you are norance they will not ask. Rather dressed up or not. But a hen-good hey will satisfy themselves with sur- night! mise. A ring has been lost; he is fix-without getting a scolding, and when she ing the level of the roadway; he is does lay an egg even once a week she neasuring for a new gas main; the will hide the egg if she can and then street railway track is to be relaid; he come out in the open and yell her head fraud. It was only an ordinary whale is a poor nut. But occasionally one off just because she has laid something that had shed its outer and darker she knows you want and hopes you will older than his brethren seeks information from that fountain of all never find. knowledge, the sturdy man in blue and ingratitude. What we need is a cackling was in it, and between the acts Tony brass.

psychologists. "Locating a leak: I never saw him at work before; something like wireless.

A prosaic, materialistic age. The dowser belongs in green fields and the mystery of the mines. In town he is naught but an expert, technically trained, a man of skill.

BARTLETT IN ERROR.

The Fifth Edition, 1868, of His Onotations Ignored Rabelals on War.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN. Sir. I have before me a copy of the fifth edihe title page of which he credits to farm. Though not as efficient as a Montaigne the modest "I have gathered trained farm hand every person ema poste of other men's flowers, and ployed would surely be able to preserve nothing but the thread that binds them from loss much more than what would is mine own."

The references to Francis Rabelais appear on page 6 and are as follows: | for transportation besides.

(A foot note reference reads, "Je m'en var illo down at the start, and the general To return to our wethers."-Book I., chap: as if the time were spent amid the gay-

(A foct note reference reads, "Revenous a nos moutous," a proverb taken from the old French farce of Pierre Pateline, Edition 1782,

hapter 5 "Appetite comes with cating, says Anges-"By robbing Peter he paid Paul. . . .

hoped to catch larks if ever the heavens should all," - Rook I., chapter 11.
-- 1'll go his halves," - Book IV., chapter 23. 'The Devil was sick, the Devil a monk would The Devil was well, the Devil a monk was he Rook IV , chapter 24.

water day and night. Keep warm and F. A. DIMOCK. Ribsewood, N. J., February 22. Nature will notify the patient when this measure has cleaned the system of superfluous matter and the brain of

Corn, Coin or Just Cash.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sic; Did , the Jinx which has been inhabiting its our stanch old friend Bartlett-rock, premises ribbed in trustworthiness really nod, or was it the proofreader? Between "corn" the quickest and easiest way to get on and "com" there is only a letter of difference, and that difference is merely between a dot and a microscopical little librium will seen return. twisted tall.

Our steadfast old friend Bartlett did not err. He never errs. It was the proofreader !

And is even "coin" just the word that best translates the Babelaisian idea? The | The Military Man Dresses as He Must. rollicking, devi may care doctor-priest uses the word pecune, does he not? That Bartlett of the French language the respectable lattre seems to give wearing spurs, including officers of the argent comptant as the definition of Quartermaster's Department and the pecune, and that being the case, is not Signal Corps. ready money," "cold cash," or even plain "cash" a better equivalent for number of occasions why these spure fecune than is "coin"?

are worn by officers who are not

days it is permissible to have a little factory answer. liking for France and things French. I am going to confess to a preference which applies to this matter? for the good old French name "Francols," if for no other reason than that It jingles better in these verses, read many years ago on the banks of the Loire and which always seemed to me rather kindly and pleasing; and orders issued in accordance there-

Still you call him Prancis. In these

Likewise for him who first drew breath Among the vines by Chinon town Who laughed the Philistines to death, And mocked their dismal daguns down For Master François Rabelals At Chinon makes high hullday He flogged the monks, he flaved the Pope,

The Father of Fuel Conservation.

kitchen etove."

The lawyers writhed beneath his rod; He sibed the axe, he feered the rope To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Dr. He made a jest of all, save God. For Master François Rabelais NEW YORK, February 22. C. P. K.

George Washington revised. "Father, I cannot tell a lie . I chopped it for the PINDLAY SACKETT. NEW YORK, February 23.

THEATRES AND HOTELS OF BROADWAY OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

A Veteran Actor and Manager Is Stirred to Fond Reminiscences is the Mention of the Winter Garden.

In his letter to THE SUN of Febru- performances, but I didn't get the ary 4 "Jackto Morrow" is correct in engagement. Thinking of the Winter Garden the statement that the old Winter minds me of Booth's Theatre, Carden was on the site of Tripler that magnificent temple was altered Hall, but et was also a part of the La into a store the exty thing that Farge House. I lived there in May, mained of the theatre was the bus 1866. I had just returned to New of Shekespeare, which had been over ork from New Orleans. I have the its main entrance. This was place in United States Government passport a round niche on the Twenty-third which enabled my mother and myself street side of the new business build to quit that city "after the war." Adjusted ing. I have often looked at it and joining the La Farge House was a sighed for the past. Passing Twenty smaller building, the Southern Hotel, third street and Sixth avenue the other day I looked up for the which, after the fire that destroyed the theatre and the hotels, was merged but it was not to be seen. At lengt I found that it had been covered wit into the new Broadway Central, What had been the Winter Garden Theatre a large sign with the word "Furs" became the large, spacious rotunda it. Another instance of how com or reading room of the hotel, and in mercialism has taken the place of a mercialism has taken the place of art the late '60s and early '70s was the in the conduct of the theatre. congregated in that neighborhood to My of the old Winter Garden 1 be "convenient" to the dramatic agen- member, after a short stay at the Le Farge House, we found quarters

The Winter Garden was opened by ningham-Burdell murder took plan

a block of fine old high stoop hor

Does any old New Yorker recall the

name? My aunt, Mrs. Charles De-

and the back of her house looked

Bond street where the celebrated ou

windows and looked over with few

mystery house, for I believe the my

A recent communication to THES

of 1867. And I remember the Rever

Houston and Broadway, where Mene

Now and then I drop back fift

way from the Battery to Unite

Square, and as a boy I often walke

I note that the Eastern and Steven

hotels will soon be things of the pas-

of Leonard street for was it Frank

lin?), with its gorgeous ice cream par

Does any one recall the "lee Crea

flourished when Grand and Can

coming further up town, at Thirtee

went up to Twenty-third street.

street was Clark's, with the Shao

speare behind it. Clark afterwar

I have passed by the De Soto at

Cunningham's, and the 'House

flight of stairs to the office above

Eating Parlor" on the southeast cor

But there was Taylor's on the

If not uniformed-and why not put Wem in uniform?-should they not have some badge or mark to show that they rendezvous or righto of the actors who are doing all in their power to aid the country that gave them birth, when other men wear the uniforms of captains cles of Lowell & Simmonds at Bleecker in the United States army while filling street and Broadway, up one flight; around the corner in Bleecker street "bomb proof" jobs that demand less labor and are of less importance to the T. Allston Brown, in West Fourth between Wooster and Thompson. street, and Charles T. Parslee, Sr., over on the east side of Broadway below which were called "Carroll Place Bleecker street. Lowell & Simmonds ater became Simmonds & Wall, and THE PUZZLE OF THE HEN. then Simmonds joined Colonel Brown rero, lived then at 5 Great Jones store and they became Simmonds & Brown Ben Lowell, Harry Wall, Morris rectly into the back of the house

Simmonds dear! dear!

W. E. Burton as the Metropolitan In my boyish wonder, a bit morbi. Theatre in 1856, my father, James perhaps, I often stood at one of her Seymour, and my mother being members of his company, which moved up some curiosity at the windows of t I know that the humble Biddy had dehad been the Southern Hotel side of tery of the murder was never cleared a the Broadway Central was the stairway leading up to the ladies' parlors, mentioned Maillard's in Broadway, be great many of us would like to know. on which James Fisk was shot by E. tween Houston and Bleecker street The first performance I I remember it well, almost opposit laying and high when they are not saw in the Winter Garden was at this the Olympic Theatre, where I acte time, in May, 1865. Ada Clifton, after- with Joseph Jefferson in the ward the wife of Edward Mollenhauer, the well known and splendid musician, House at the southeast corner I hope Mr. Hoover will see this and answer these two simple questions for Booth at his wonderful theatre, and W. Fiske used to take me for felone simpleton. If he can't answer will afterward for Augustin Daly, was eels, a rare delicacy at that place playing in "The Woman in White," a dramatization of Wilkie Collins's novel. years and wander mentally up Broad I remember going through the long entrance extending from Broadway through the hotel to the auditorium of the theatre, and after the play go- theatres appear before me vividly very simple minded individual and ing back upon the stage and leaving keen is the mind in looking backwar

street. The next theatre I attended was Barnum's Museum at the corner of You can't even approach her Broadway and Ann street, and there I saw the "famous white whale," almost as great a curiosity as the Cardiff Glant, and quite as much of a that had shed its outer and darker of Broadway and Howard street? The skin. The play I saw was "The Hidden Hand." I remember Mrs. J. J. Prior streets were shopping centres an This, dear friends, is base Denier in his "wonderful" three legged good school that will turn out hen dance.

num, on the stage of his own theatre. It was the morning before the daily natinée, and I rehearsed the fifth act Lords," but this was a block of "Richard III." for him, having re- Broadway, and the old St. Charles cently acted it in New Orleans, and desiring to secure a summer engage- and the Tremont on the west sidment, with the other "freaks." It was just south of the Broadway Centre

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT! IN the effort to produce from the soil of a warm June day, and warm work for this country a sufficient quantity of food a youngster of 10, who didn't spare prescott and the St. Nicholas, Motion and the Allies would a suggestion for the Allies would a suggestion for the standard for the suggestion for the suggestion of the suggestion of the suggestion for the suggestion of A good many men and women in the ities of the country enjoy a two or

and the Allies would a suggestion find elled on that of John Wilkes Booth, New York, with whom I had performed the Duke My apologies to the modern pa of York in New Orleans a year before. hotels of 1918 for mentioning su "P. T." listened patiently, then kind- of date but always dear to main three weeks vacation, generally taken in ly patted me on the head and said, places of entertainment for man

tion (1868) of the "Pamiliar Quota- the summer months. Suppose these peo- "The weather is too warm for trag- beast. William tions" of our friend John Bartlett, on ple should spend vacation time on a edy." He gave us seats for several New York, February 23. A STATUTORY GEM.

a Territorial Flower.

A few weeks of physical training prior FRANCIS DARWLAIS, 1495-1553, A few weeks of physical training prior on April 28, 1917, the Territorial to going to lesp into the dark."— to going to work would enable people Legislature of Alaska passed the folbenefit to health might be as great eties on the seaside or fashionable moun-

me-not to be the Territorial and floral ill informed men, women and the unblem of Alaska. tittle flower blossoms forth on every hill and dale,

Whereas throughout her more than me-half million square miles of terri- Washington should set in right ory, stretching from the Pacific to the Arctic Ocean and from Canada's border to Bering Sea, Alaska has a wild flower which grows on every hill and in every valley; and

The embles of the Pioneers upon the tracted and we were rugged trail;

Whereas this flower is emblematic from all parts of the count of the quality of constancy, the domi- to furnish the solffage will mant trait of the intrepid pioneers, who, cles as fast as possible. n spite of almost insurmountable ob- day I read a letter fro stacles and insufferable hardships, have which he said that of opened for development a nation's treas- camp where he was six ire house; and The Pioneers have asked it and we could inished with them

deny them not: The booze fighter will find this method Whereas the Grant Igloo of the Pio- ous matter that the Core eers of Alaska have indersed this floral to make some decisive and the water wagon, if he will drop rum when he enters the bed, and his equigem as the Territorial flower of Alaska, gard to this subject

So in thinking for an emblem For this emuice of the North We will shows this saure flower

That the gooden days bring forth, for we want him i to remember That Maska same to star, Though she slept unknown for ages.
And awakened in a day. So, although they may we're home In the last that food forgot.
Well term. Alaska to them
With our blue forget-me-no.

DEPARTMENT A Therefore, Be il emicted by the Leg-dature of the Territory of Alaska.

to the emblem of Antha is the blue for-Section 1, That the wild native for- Mount Vignor, February get-me-not is hereby made, designated and declared to be the Territorial flower. The Interest in Old New York is and floral emblem of the Territory of Alaska.

Approved April 28, 1917.

TRADE BRIEFS.

eggs and other perishable foods, it is said public such fine parts present their deterioration. Consul Andrew J. McConnico report tioned in "Silars" lettered from Corioto that Nicaragua's coffee crop I saw Caroul in the defor 1917 totaled 21,837.005 pounds, valued the operatia. "In Helio I at approximately \$2,000,000. Predictions place the 1918 crop at 37,000,000 pounds revived. I persented the

To the Epiron of the Sin Sir Dr.

Garfield is reported as going to fix a price for coal that will eliminate the middleman.

Why not take the pick and coal oil lamn from the miner:

Coal, coal, and there is no coal. But the price is fixed.

Fixed as a sum of \$2,830,603 has been apply from a property of the second tions. South Africa. Boring machinery and pumps of American make should find a ready marklet. The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce will supply to increased from a looking forward with the price is fixed.

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WILLIAM SELMOUT

SHALL THEY KNIT ON' How the People of Alaska Established Women Are Confused by the Con-

flicting Statements. On April 28, 1917, the Territorial other day I stopped knowled last of many sweaters and bepaper. I was amazed to had Designating and declaring the forget- owing to the efforts of the the country was being some or

wool supply. Now we are all ; we are so ignorant the charmen Secretary of the Navy and and or of War were reported to have all to knitted garments we were Subsequently these stateme knitting. Floods of letters

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informed when we have done cave been requested to no of individuals and by so selet work, notably the ti have been unked to ful and have done so. Now atorned officially what istatements in the paners n order to nucle the dear to every one was serve the country by - Billionitting Many F

Everlasting.

was very much pleased wi ductions in seria of the J A new packing for foodstuffs has been saved them to go in w produced in Befast, Ireland. It is a scientifically treated waste product from the scientifically treated waste product from the scientifically treated waste as a passing for should be commended for making such fine resulting I have heard two of the tioned in "Silas's" fortier

Heather is being our from waste lands to the end.

In Holland for use in carrie folder.

New York,

New York, February 13-